

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 5:00PM
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

Council met in special session with Mayor Scott Blubaugh in chair. Present were Eric Barker, Rose Ann Green, Kenneth Leu, Lonnie Teel and Brande Vogele. David Earls was absent.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the filling of the recreation commission position that had a term that expired April 2022.

Councilmember Vogele stated that she attended the last Harper Recreation Commission and she was appalled at the way things happened. She couldn't ask for everyone to get off of the recreation commission which is what she had originally wanted to request, but she felt it was important enough to at least appointing a new member to get the recreation commission back on the right track.

Councilmember Teel agreed that it was chaotic and that a new person should be on the commission to where they can at least work together. He felt it was time for a turnover and the City help the recreation commission any way they could so the people who like to volunteer are able to.

Mayor Blubaugh asked how long Tabitha Stolsworth had been on the commission. She had served four years.

Councilmember Leu stated that he didn't think the recreation commission was in total chaos. He felt there were some members that in the right situation they would be good members. He agreed with Councilmember Vogele that change had to start somewhere.

Councilmember Vogele requested Andrew Kirkpatrick to be appointed to fill the term that expired April 2022. Andrew Kirkpatrick, who was in attendance, noted that he had served as the recreation director from September 2000 to June 2001 (*actual years 2020 and 2021*). Mr. Kirkpatrick had previously coached in Attica, Anthony and Harper. He is the assistant wrestling coach at Chaparral. He is employed at Harper Elementary. He is involved with the youth in the community in a very active basis. He would like to see the recreation commission be successful. Since he had resigned as the recreation director there has not been anyone to apply for that position. It was his belief that it was because of the people who were currently serving on the commission.

Motion by Brande Vogele second by Lonnie Teel to appoint Andrew Kirkpatrick to the Harper Recreation Commission, term expiring April 2026, position previously held by Tabitha Stolsworth. Yea- Barker, Leu, Green, Teel, Vogele; Ney – 0; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brande Vogele second by Ken Leu to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Tiffany M. Hartson, CPM, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk